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SENATE BILL 5058

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By Senators Marr, McCaslin, Brown, Parlette, Haugen, Shin, Murray and Roach; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs

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1            AN ACT Relating to establishing the eastern Washington state  
2 veterans' cemetery; adding a new section to chapter 72.36 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the unique  
6 sacrifices made by veterans and their family members. The legislature  
7 recognizes further that while all veterans are entitled to interment at  
8 the Tahoma national cemetery, veterans and families living in eastern  
9 Washington desire a veterans' cemetery location closer to their homes.  
10 The legislature requested and received the department of veterans  
11 affairs feasibility study and business plan outlining the need and  
12 feasibility and now intends to establish a state veterans' cemetery to  
13 honor veterans in their final resting place.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.36 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16            (1) The department shall establish and maintain in this state an  
17 eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

1           (2) All honorably discharged veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.007,  
2 and their spouses are eligible for interment in the eastern Washington  
3 state veterans' cemetery.

4           (3) The department shall collect all federal veterans' burial  
5 benefits and other available state or county resources.

6           (4) The department shall adopt rules defining the services  
7 available, eligibility, fees, and the general operations associated  
8 with the eastern Washington state veterans' cemetery.

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